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- 1. A single layer barbed wire barrier, 1.5 meters high and 1 kilometer long, has been laid from border marker 59, about 3 kilometers east of Gerstenfeld (48 45 N, 16 07 E), to the Gerstenfeld Seefeld (48 43 N, 16 11 E) highway on the Austro-Czech border.
- 2. During the period from 1 to 17 September 1952 the Czechs put up a barbed wire entanglement along the border from the highway check point at Boehmzeile (48°47°N, 14°59°E) to Kote 1 492. about 1.400 meters northwest of Gauend (46°46°N, 14°59°E). The entanglement is 50-180 meters from the border and is being extended in the direction of Zuggers (48°49°N, 14°57°E), Czechcslovakia.
- Three concrete bunkers which lie about 1,200 meters southeast of Rebensburg (48°39°N, 16°55°E) have now been banked with limestone and earth on the sides pointing toward Austria. One of these bunkers is 5 meters from the bank of the Thaya River, one is near Kote 153 at the edge of the woods and the third is about 300 meters south of Kote 153, also near the edge of the woods.
- 4. A worden surveying tower, about 20 meters high, has been erected on Czech territory at Kote 572 about 500 meters northwest of the Austrian customs office in Pyhrabruck (48*47*N, 14*49*E).
- During the period from 15 to 17 September 1952 Czech border units put up a watch tower on the roof of the Czech customs house located approximately in the center of Stallek, 2 about 600 meters from the border. The watch tower is 3 meters high, 1 meter square, and covered on top with shingles and boards. Since 17 September a Czech soldier has been posted in this watch tower.
- 6. During the period from 18 to 21 August 1952 the Czechs put up a barbed wire entanglement along the border on Czech territory, running from Galgenberg (48°46°N, 16°01°E), Kote 285, westward to the Unter-Retzbach (48°46°N, 16°00°E)-Schattau (48°48°N, 16°01°E) railroad line, and further in a southeast direction toward Augenthal. The entanglement is 1.7 to 2 meters high, 3 meters wide, and lies about 250-300 meters from the border. It is now being extended from Galgenberg southeastward.

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On 16 September 1952 a will entanglement was put up on Czech territory about 600 meters from the railroad crossing opposite Kote 171 and approximately 100 meters north of the northern rellroad line (sic). The entanglement, which is believed to be of barbed wire, is about 500 meters long and 1.8 meters high. It is being extended in a northeast direction.

- 8. A barbed wire entanglement 3 meters wide and 2 meters high has been said along the left bank of the Lainsitz River from the Bleyleben bridge to the road check point at Wielands (48°46'N, 14°56'E), Kote 404, and from there to the Ceske Velenice (48°46'N, 14°57'E) cemetery.
- 9. There is a barbed wire barrier stretching for about 300 meters from the Schwarzenau (48°45'N, 15°16'E)-Zlabings (49°00'N, 15°21'E) railroad line eastward to the north-northwest edge of the Gilgenberg (48°58'N, 15°22'E) wood. The barrier ranges from a distance of 8 to 60 meters from the border. A double row of 30-cm. wooden pegs has been driven into the plowed border strip in this area. In the center of this double row of short pegs there is a single row of wooden posts 2 to 2.5 meters high, set at distances of about 3 meters and strung with barbed wires 20 to 25 cm. apart. Additional barbed wire connects the small pegs and the posts
- 10. A barbed wire entanglement, 2 meters high and 100 meters long, has been put up 2 kilometers northeast of Ziernreith (48°56°N, 15°30°E), about 1.5 kilometers southeast of Kote 530 and 30 meters from the border.
- A burbed ware entanglement, similar to the one described in paragraph 9, has been put up in front of the Mayres 3 freight station which lies about 600 meters southeast of the city of Mayres and about 100 meters from the border. This entanglement is about 150 meters long.
- 12. A barbed wire entanglement 2 meters high and 100 meters long has been laid about 1 kilometer wortheast of Wilhelmshof (48*55*N, 15*30*E), 700 meters east of Kote 507 and 30 meters from the border.
- 13. A barbed wire entanglement, 2 meters high and 30 meters long, was put up 50 meters west of the Luden (48°54°N, 15°35°E)-Fratting (48°54°N, 15°36°E) highway and 10 meters from the border.
- 14. On 16 September 1952 a triangular lookout platform was rut up in a tree at the Ceske Velenice (48°46°N; 14°57°E) border check point about 30 meters from the border. The platform is about 15 meters above ground and is reached by a wooden ladder.
- 15. For about 3 weeks the Czechs have been repairing the 10 to 12 old bunkers in the vicinity of Gnadlersdorf (48°46°N, 15°59°E) and Schattau (48°48°N, 16°01°E), about 1,5 to 3 kilometers from the border. The bunkers are placed irregularly along the Schattau-Niederfladnitz (48°48°N, 15°54°E) highway, running from Schattau to the edge of the woods and about 2 kilometers east of Schattau. They are being camouflaged with earth
- 16. Barbed wire barriers have been placed at the following three spots on the Austro-Czech border: the first barrier, 75-80 meters long, is 1,200 meters west of the Langau (48°50°N, 15°43°E)-Schaffa (48°52°N, 15°44°E) highway southwest of Kote 429; the second, 25 meters long, is 300 meters east of the Langau-Schaffa road, crossing over the Langau Brook. These two barriers are in swampy areas where, because of the moisture, it is languasible to plow a strip of ground. The third barrier is 45-50 meters long and Lies 100 meters east of the Langau-Schaffa highway. It is cutuated in a cleared bit of woods where tree stumps prevent the plowing of a cleared strip. All three barriers are 2 meters high, 3 meters wide and 8 to 10 meters from the border.

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